Payment of dues to Indian Peacekeepers in UN duty

2241. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian Military personnel who were assigned peacekeeping duties in Somalia, Mozambique and Cambodia between 1991 and 1993 have retired,but the United Nations is yet to pay their allowances:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had taken up this matter with the United Nations:

(d) if so, the reaction of the United Nations in this regard; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by Government to pay the allowances due to these military personnel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per records, there is not a single case where Armed Forces personnel deployed from India for peace keeping duties in United Nations peace keeping operations in Somalia, Mozambique and Cambodia between the period 1991 and 1993, have retired without being paid their allowances for peace keeping duties due from the United Nations.

The United Nations does not disburse overseas allowances for peace keeping duties directly to the troops. The gross allowance due is reimbursed by the United Nations to the country as troops costs, which is thereafter disbursed to the personnel through prescribed official channels.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Drug for toxins of chemical attack

2242. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any drug has been developed to combat toxins of chemical attack; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?